

## MEMORANDUM

**TO**: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Director

**DATE:** May 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Clarification Memo Austin Public Health Item #18 – Front Steps, Inc.

The May 6, 2021, City Council agenda includes agenda item #18, a recommendation seeking Mayor and Council's approval to authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Front Steps, Inc. to provide non-congregate emergency shelter services for persons experiencing homelessness who are at higher risks of negative health complications due to COVID-19, in an amount not to exceed \$1,255,787 for a nine-month term from May 15, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

The first paragraph in the Additional Backup Information currently reads as follows: Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Front Steps to provide non-congregate emergency shelter at the former Rodeway Inn, which has been serving as a COVID-19 Protection Lodge. This agreement will be negotiated for a term of nine months with no extension options. Staff would like to correct and replace that language with the following: Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Front Steps to provide emergency shelter at 2711 S. IH -35, Austin, Texas. This agreement will be negotiated for a term of nine months with no extension options.

Please feel free to contact me at (512) 972-5010 or <u>Stephanie.Hayden-Howard@austintexas.gov</u> should you have questions.

Cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager

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